



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, April 18, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

6812 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac La Belle for today and tomorrow.”

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Paul Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Paul Carpenter

Dan Bauer

Karen Carr

Dave Falstad

Lou Morgan

Absent

Brian Wiemer

Mike Fitzsimmons

3. Comments from the Floor

Bill King II, Lac La Belle Management District resident, stated he would be available to speak with Village of Lac La Belle and City Staff as was suggested at the April 15, 2013 Town of Oconomowoc Board meeting. He stated the Town Board Chair seemed to be the driving force behind the Town of Oconomowoc Staff not wanting to play the buoys on Lac La Belle this year. He was happy that three other Town Board members seemed to want to buffer these actions on the Chair's behalf. He thought that there was not enough research taken on the matter as he was not sure how the Town had taken on the responsibility of placing the buoys on Lac La Belle initially. B. King also stated he had spoken to different DNR wardens who noted that grant money was available for assistance in buoy matters; however, he was uncertain as to whether the Town Staff was taking advantage of these grant monies available. For these reasons, he did not think the placement of the buoys was a cost issue and he believed it to be "complaint driven." He believed these complaints to be warranted as the placement of buoys were not where they should be, nor were there enough buoys being placed on Lac La Belle. He did not believe the Town Board Staff was adequately doing their job in this matter, however; he also did not believe it was appropriate to "take the ball and go home." While he understood the Town Staff was not legally bound to placing the buoys annually, it remained important that if responsibility was taken then it needed to be done with the DNR standards set forth and used for decades. He noted there used to be an older gentleman that lived on Mary Lane that would go out with Town Staff to place the buoys each year as a volunteer. Since the gentleman was no longer doing this activity with Staff, it seemed as though the buoys were not being placed accurately and consistently. He thought the Town Staff also placed buoys on Okauchee Lake and

there were no issues raised by Town Staff regarding placing buoys on Okauchee Lake at this time. He thought it important for the Town Staff to be prepared to come out and re-spot the buoys each year as the buoys bounced off the bottom of the lake in times of high wind and high water.

B. King went on to explain that he remained concerned about the lake levels as they related to the low level last fall. He was concerned that last fall, because of the drought, there was no water in the channel that ran behind his house. He had lived there since 1985 and never seen the lake level so low. He attributed some of this decrease in water level to the dam being constructed. The City of Oconomowoc Staff maintained the water level and Staff stated the level was consistently between the maximum and minimum allowed; however, he wondered how that could be when in years past there were never any issues like this. He thought perhaps the dam was a bit lower than prior years in order to allow that much water to run out. He remained concerned about this matter despite the current high water and was bringing this to the Commissioners attention for informational purposes only at this time.

L. Morgan questioned whether the City was taking advantage of the grant program for buoys. P. Carpenter stated City Staff explained the grant program being referenced was only for buoy acquisition. B. King stated he was told by a DNR warden that the DNR paid money toward buoys being placed on Lac La Belle. This information could not be confirmed at this time; however, B. King suggested contacting the Milwaukee DNR office that was in charge of grants for buoys.

Tim Clark, Village of Lac La Belle Board President, stated the Village of Lac La Belle did take full advantage of the reimbursement for lake patrol as part of a grant program that allowed purchase of a new boat for lake patrol every few years. He also noted there were no buoys owned by Lac La Belle so the Village was not involved in buoy placement for this reason. In addition, he would be happy to meet with the other municipal officials about this matter. He thought any changes to the process would have to be approved by a majority of municipalities in this matter and it would make sense that occasionally the police boat might have to re-position the buoys when they drifted off their mark. B. King noted that in the past when the DNR had attempted to move the buoys back into position, their boat had almost been swamped due to the extra drag on the boat. He assumed this same situation would happen to the police boat as well.

P. Carpenter thanked T. Clark and B. King for being present.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Kathy Buss, City of Oconomowoc, regarding lake levels:
(3/25, 4/3, 4/12, and 4/16)

March 24, 2013- Bonnie (Stapleton Realty) re: 2013 LLBMD newsletter article

March 26, 2013- Anna Moyer of the DNR re: Purple Loosetrife beetle program

March 28, 2013- Gary Wohlfeil re: buoy placement on LLB

March 29, 2013- Keith Johnson re: Badgerland Ski Show

April 5, 2013 – Peter Carpenter re: Shoreland Restoration online form

April 5, 2013 – Mike Engleson, of Wisconsin Lakes, re: confirmation of speaking at Annual Mtg

April 8, 2013 – Anna Moyer, of the DNR, re: Clean Boats, Clean Water training opportunity

April 9, 2013- Jeff Hermann re: attendance at the 4/18/13 LLBMD meeting

April 12, 2013 – Mark Thurow re: Maple Terrace Homeowner's Association Mtg

April 14, 2013 – Bill King II, re: buoys on LLB

April 16, 2013 – Jayne Jenks, Waukesha County Parks and Land Use- re: various training opportunities for Commissioners

April 17, 2013- Michele Foran re: Goose Round-Up

April 18, 2013- Mike Jones, of the DNR, re: approval of 2013 Goose Depredation Permit
April 18, 2013- Bill King, re; buoys

5. Approval of Minutes

K. Carr moved to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2013 meeting as presented. D. Falstad seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of M. Fitzsimmons, P. Carpenter noted the presence of the Treasurer's Reports for April, 2013.

D. Bauer moved to approve the April, 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

P. Carpenter reviewed the three payment authorizations for the Commission. L. Morgan stated he thought a reimbursement to the Maple Terrace Homeowner's Association should be included in the payment authorizations list for this month as he had the project documentation. P. Carpenter stated he would verify the project completion and communicate with the Treasurer about his findings.

L. Morgan moved to approve the Payment Authorizations for April, 2013 as presented, pending verification of completion of the Maple Terrace Homeowner's Association 2012 Shoreland Restoration project. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Discussion on Buoy Placement on Lac La Belle

P. Carpenter provided a summary of actions taken at a recent Town of Oconomowoc Town Board meeting where various residents listened and spoke about the buoy placement on Lac La Belle. He spoke on behalf of the LLBMD, noting the Commission and District were not staffed for buoy placement, had no vehicles or equipment to do so, lacked appropriate insurance and explained that the Lac La Belle Management District was not equipped to handle this type of activity.

Discussion ensued regarding a historic buoy placement map that B. King recalled had been utilized in the past. P. Carpenter stated it would be prudent to have an inventory of buoys and a map of placement for all municipalities in the future. B. King agreed, noting a map had been utilized in years past; however, the map had been misplaced. He stated he did not want the lake to be without buoys as he was trying to prevent bodily damage and property damage from occurring by bringing buoy placement issues forward. While most lakeshore owners were aware of the various sand bars and shoals, boaters new to the lake would not be and for this reason, he thought it very important to have the buoys placed on the lake. Having accurate buoy placement was for the safety of all.

P. Carpenter stated having an actual count of the buoys with GPS coordinates of their DNR permitted locations should be provided to all municipalities governing the lake and a copy should be kept by the District as well. Once this map was located, future disagreements about placement would be negated. He stated he was hopeful that these issues could be resolved at a meeting with municipal leaders in the near future. L. Morgan suggested a written placement and maintenance

agreement for the buoys would be beneficial.

9. Update on Golf Course Creek

P. Carpenter provided a brief history of this item to date. K. Carr shared photos taken April 17, 2013 of the “delta” where Golf Course Creek entered into Lac La Belle. She remained concerned that no action was ever taken in order to sufficiently change the amount of silt coming into the lake.

Discussion ensued regarding possible courses of action by the Commission at this time. K. Carr noted there was to be a 16-foot buffer strip adjacent to certain upstream farm fields that were not being maintained or enforced by the governing bodies. T. Clark stated he had driven the area recently and found that siltation was not present in the water coming through a drainpipe from the streambank restoration area in question. Additional discussion ensued. Alternative locations for a retention pond were suggested as well as various styles of drains that could improve effectiveness of current drainage areas.

Further discussion ensued regarding how best to move forward. K. Carr stated she would communicate with T. Clark on this matter in the future.

10. Discuss & Act on possible land for sale north of Golf Course Creek

This item was covered under Item 9.

11. Update on 2013 Shoreland Restoration Program

K. Carr stated she would work on the 2013 Shoreland Restoration Program this year with L. Morgan. Submissions continued to be received. More information would be available at the next Commission meeting.

12. Update on Spring 2013 LLBMD newsletter

S. Keefe of Accurate Business Communications, Inc., stated the Spring 2013 LLBMD newsletter had been sent to all district residents.

13. Update on Speaker for the Annual Meeting

P. Carpenter thanked D. Falstad for his efforts in contacting Mike Engleson, Membership & Communications Director of Wisconsin Lakes, regarding speaking at the LLBMD Annual Meeting in August, 2013.

14. Updates on the LLBMD website

a. Topics for the website

S. Keefe of Accurate Business Communications, Inc. explained the changes to the LLBMD website since the last Commission meeting, noting there was a “SLOW NO WAKE” notice posted on the LLBMD website. Also, the Spring 2013 LLBMD newsletter would soon be posted on the website as well.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having a Goose Round-up form on the website so people could submit the form electronically without having to download it and resend it back to the

District. L. Morgan suggested a check box be added to the form so that residents could check the box to provide election of an electronic signature on the form.

P. Carpenter moved to create an online Goose Round-up form that would include an electronic signature checkbox as suggested by L. Morgan. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

15. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

16. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

The following topics were suggested for inclusion on the next Commission meeting agenda:

- Discuss Annual Meeting speaker topics
- Update on Buoy Placement on LLB
- Update on Golf Course Creek
- Update on Shoreland Restoration program
- Update on Goose Round-Up

17. Adjournment

D. Falstad moved to adjourn from the meeting. K. Carr seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.